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Route 126 Pavement Replacement Project FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE PLANNED

Ventura and Santa Paula – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close portions of State Route 126 as part of a 13-mile pavement replacement project from the Ventura Freeway (U.S. 101) to Hallock Drive in the cities of Ventura and Santa Paula. The following closures are weather permitting and subject to change:

Nightly, Tuesday, December 27, through Thursday December 29:

- 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. full freeway closure of eastbound Route 126 from Victoria Avenue to Kimball Road
- 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. eastbound SR-126 north- and southbound on-ramps at Victoria Avenue

The \$10 million project involves replacing deteriorated concrete pavement slabs with rapid-setting, high-strength concrete on the freeway mainline, placing concrete overlay on various on-and off-ramps, sealing cracks, grinding the pavement and restriping. The project is estimated to complete by the end of 2006. When completed, the result will be a smoother riding surface that will last longer and require less maintenance. A signed detour will be posted for motorists convenience. Caltrans advises motorists to please, *SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE*.

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